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SUBJECT: 1978 COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES:
GREECE, TURKEY, AND CYPRUS

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1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES PREPARING FIRST DRAFTS OF
1978 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS RESPECTIVELY FOR TURKEY, GREECE,
AND CYPRUS. THESE ARE DUE IN DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN SEPT
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2. REPORTS, WHICH ARE TO BE UNCLASSIFIED IN FINAL VERSION,
SHOULD FOLLOW FORMAT UTILIZED LAST YEAR. FOR YOUR CONVEN-
IENCE, THIS IS REPEATED BELOW: BEGIN QUOTE:

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1. RESPECT FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE PERSON, INCLUDING
FREEDOM FROM :

A. TORTURE

B. CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT

C. ARBITRARY ARREST OR IMPRISONMENT

D. DENIAL OF FAIR PUBLIC TRIAL

E. INVASION OF THE HOME

2. GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES RELATING TO THE FULFILLMENT OF SUCH VITAL NEEDS AS FOOD, SHELTER, HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION.

3. RESPECT FOR CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES, INCLUDING:

A. FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, SPEECH, PRESS, RELIGION AND ASSEMBLY

B. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN THE COUNTRY, FOREIGN TRAVEL AND EMIGRATION

C. FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS

4. GOVERNMENTAL ATTITUDE AND RECORD REGARDING INTERNATIONAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. END QUOTE.

3. IN PREPARING REPORTS, ADDRESSEES SHOULD IN PARTICULAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEAR IN MIND FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- THERE SHOULD BE EVEN TREATMENT OF ALL PERTINENT HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS. FOR INSTANCE, WE NEED ACCURATE INFORMATION, QUANTIFIED TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, OF GOVERNMENT'S ACTUAL COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING LOT OF POOR. GOVERNMENT-DIRECTED OR -TOLERATED PRACTICES WHICH HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ECONOMIC RIGHTS -- I.E. REGRESSIVE TAX SYSTEMS, CORRUPTION, WAGE POLICIES, ETC. -- SHOULD BE ANALYZED. WE ALSO NEED SPECIFIC DATA, WHERE PERTINENT, ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, LABOR RIGHTS, AND DISCRIMINATION ARISING FROM ETHNIC, COMMUNAL OR RACIAL FACTORS. REPORTS SHOULD PAY DUE ATTENTION TO RELEVANT LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS, POINTING OUT AS APPROPRIATE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LAW AND PRACTICE. EXISTENCE OR LACK OF EFFECTIVE INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS AGAINST REPRESSIVE PRACTICES SHOULD BE NOTED.

-- WHERE POSSIBLE, AVOID GENERALITIES ABOUT SUCH MATTERS AS PRISON CONDITIONS. IF THERE ARE INSTANCES OF IMPROPER TREATMENT OF PRISONERS, THE QUESTION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS TO WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS MOVED TO TAKE CORRECTIVE DISCIPLINARY OR ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES.

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